

BISHOP CARTER ASKS VOLUNTARY REDUCTION Clergy Protest - Case Appealed

Bishop R. A. Carter of C. M. E. Church

ASKS COLLEAGUES TO VOLUNTARILY TAKE 16% OR 20% CUT IN SALARIES.

Chicago, Feb. 3 (ANP) Bishop Randall A. Carter, A. M., D. D., 4403 Vincennes avenue, this city, has sent each of his colleagues of the C. M. E. church a communication asking them to voluntarily take a cut of 16% or 20% on salaries. The bishop makes this request due to what he terms "the appalling slump in the collection in General Funds," which is the fund out of which salaries of Bishops and General officers of the church are paid.

The following is the text of a letter sent each of the C. M. E. bishops:

"In view of the appalling slump in the collection in the General Funds last year, I am herewith proposing to you that we, the bishops of the church, voluntarily take a cut of 16% or 20% on our salaries. In this way, our hard-pressed Financial Secretary will be able to keep the church going for the year, or until times get better. I suggest that the bishop direct that the money accruing from this cut in our salaries be equally divided between the Sunday School Department, the Missionary Department, and the School and Colleges of the church."

"If you will agree to this, notify the Financial Secretary at once, and let him arrange his plan accordingly."

A move in this direction was made by Bishop Carter at the General Board of the C. M. E. church at Little Rock Ark. last May. Bishop J. A. Hamlett of Kansas City spoke in reply to Bishop Carter, and said he had already greatly reduced the expense item ordinarily provided for episcopal supervision in the various conference of his district, the Sixth, and he would withhold giving his assent to a cut in salary until an agreement was reached by the entire bench of bishops on that point before he conceded to such a reduction. It is not known whether the bishops discussed the matter in their private session, and nothing more was heard of the proposal for a cut until the letter addressed to all the bishops was made public.

INSTITUTE MEETS

The Ministers, Deacons and Sunday School Institute of the 3rd. District of the First New Hope Association, held a successful meeting with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Saturday and Sunday 28th. and 29th, 1933.

The following annual officers were elected: Rev. E. H. Gaston, President, Rev. E. D. Pollard Vice President, Deacon W. M. Rushing Secretary, J. N. Hill, Treas.

Representatives from several Churches and Sunday Schools were present. The Chief object of the Institute is to foster the Home Mission and Educational Work of the District.

On Saturday night the Rev. E. D. Pollard preached a Doctrinal Sermon, which was enjoyed by the Institute. The text word "Stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free."

On Sunday morning Rev. H. Brown preached the Missionary sermon which made us all see ourselves as missionaries for Christ.

The next session will be held with the Antioch Baptist Church Saturday. Before and including the fifth Sunday in April.

Velma G. Alexander, Reporter.

NEGRO IGNORED ON JOB

New Orleans, La., Feb. 3 (ANP) Despite the fact that many thousands of Negroes are taxpayers none will be employed on the new thirteen-million dollar bridge across the Mississippi river, construction of which has begun. The money was appropriated by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by an act of congress to give employment to needy citizens of New Orleans. Political factions have decided that none but qualified electors will be recognized. As the Negro is not allowed to vote in New Orleans or Louisiana to any great extent or privileged to belong to political organizations composed of white voters practically none of the race will be recognized.

CHEYNEY GIVEN \$200 SCHOLARSHIP BY COLORED WOMEN

Chaney, Pa., Feb. 3 (ANP) At a recent meeting of the PENNSYLVANIA STATE FEDERATION OF NEGRO WOMEN'S CLUBS it was decided to place a scholarship fund of \$200 each year at the CHEYNEY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE.

Mrs. Maude B. Coleman is president, Mrs. Dasy E. Lampaign is chairman of the scholarship committee of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Negro Women's clubs, and Mrs. Fannie Morton is treasurer.

INSISTS TESTIMONY AGAINST SCOTTSBORO VICTIMS IS TRUE

Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 3 (ANP) Ruby Bates, 22 year old white woman upon whose testimony nine Negroes were tried for rape at Scottsboro, Ala., in 1931, is reported to have again denied that she ever signed any letter repudiating her testimony at the trial which resulted in death sentence for eight of the accused, Miss Bates was one of the hoboes on the train at the time the alleged attack occurred. She was dressed in men's clothing.

A letter purporting to have been signed by Miss Bates, repudiating her testimony, is reported to have been used by the council of the boys in habeas corpus proceedings. The whites lady now states that if she signed such a letter she was so drunk she did not know what she was doing.

DOGS BARK: USES SHOTGUN; KILLS WHITE FARMER

Clinton, N. C., Feb. 3 (ANP) When Richard Allen, well known farmer of Mingo township heard his dogs barking in the backyard Saturday night, he sized his shotgun, opened the back door and fired without looking out. He heard an object fall. Investigation disclosed that he had blow off the head of Walter Lee, a white farmer. Allen gave himself up to the justice of the peace and explained the circumstances.

C. M. E. COUNCIL TO CONVENE

Rev. E. W. Washington, will open his Ministerial Council Tuesday 11:00 A. M. at Newell Chapel Church. A splendid delegation is expected. Rev. E. B. Brown, pastor of the Bassfield Circuit will preach Tuesday night. The public is invited.

LETTER MAY BE AID TO 9 BOYS RUBY RATES SAYS SHE WASN'T ATTACKED; IN WRITING HELD BY COURT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Jan. 29—A letter written by Ruby Bates, upon whose testimony of "rape" the Scottsboro boys were railroaded to lynch verdicts, and which categorically denies all the charges she made in the lynch-court, was produced in court here last Monday at the hearing on a writ of habeas corpus for the release of Roy Wright, youngest of the boys.

The hearing, in a courtroom crowded with Negroes, while hundreds more stood in the corridors and street was adjourned when the court refused the demand of Gen. George W. Chamlee and Irving Schwab, International Labor Defense attorneys, to order Solicitor General Thomas E. Knight to come to court to testify. Knight said he was "too busy." The hearing will be resumed Tuesday, January 31.

Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of Roy Wright, and his sister, Beatrice Maddox, were in court, to testify as to his age. Ruby Bates herself was also present as was Chief of police Blackmore of Huntsville, who was forced to give up Ruby Bates' letter.

The letter, examined by the I. L. D. attorneys, contains startling disclosures. The police forced her to lie with threats of keeping her in jail, and lodging charges against her Ruby Bates wrote.

None of the Scottsboro boys ever touched her, the letters says categorically. In this letter, written to Earl Streetman, Ruby Bates tells of her remorse for her testimony which assisted in obtaining death verdicts for the boys. She repeats again and again that the whole case was a frame-up, and that this letter is "the Gods truth."

The letter was impounded by the court and filed in the clerk's office upon motion of the I. L. D. attorneys, who were denied the right, however, that they would fight to copies of it. Attorneys announced, however, that they would fight to obtain photostatic copies before re-opening of the hearing, and at the hearing would make a fight to obtain possession of the letter itself.

BISHOP TO VISIT MERIDIAN

Bishop R. A. Carter of Chicago Ill., will preach at Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church Sunday Feb. 12th at 11:00 and 7:30. All members and friends are invited.

NEGRO SPIRITUALS SHOWN IN STAINED GLASS WINDOW

Work for Chapel at Tuskegee on Exhibition Here (Re-print, New York Herald Tribune, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1932)

A decorative stained glass window in rich colors in which the subjects are Negroes and Negro spirituals was placed on exhibition yesterday in the studios of J. and R. Lamb, 323 Sixth Avenue, where it will remain until Wednesday evening. It will then be shipped to the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, where it will be placed in the chapel of the chapel. It is said to be the first time that Negro spirituals have been portrayed in stained glass. There are three lights in the window which represents the advance of the Negro race and the Negro's aspirations. The center shows the Negroes worshipping in the swamps before they were given the right to worship collectively. In the left window the earthly struggle for freedom is represented

by such spirituals as "Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho," "We are Climbin' Jacob's Ladder," "Roll, Jordan, Roll," and "Oh, Sing All the Way."

The elderly Negro at the end of a hard life is represented in the right window. At the bottom is the Negro in slavery, typified in "Go Down, Moses." Just above are figures in "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Next is the representation of the spiritual, "Deep River", and at the top, "My Lord, What a Mornin'." Other spirituals in the three lights are "Shout All Over God's Riso Up, Shepherd, and Follow," and "Steal Away."

The three-light window is a part of the stained glass executed for the entire chapel by the Lamb Studios.

Dr. William J. Schieffelin, of New York, is chairman of the board of trustees of Tuskegee Institute.

The Women's Business Dollar Club

St. Paul M. E. Church will entertain with a musical Tea Sunday afternoon February 5th, at 4:30 O'clock at the parsonage. The captains of the Club are to make a full written report of the money collected from each person in her group, since October.

The following program will be rendered:

Song, "Work for the night is coming," "Scripture Reading, Mrs. M. T. J. Howard; Prayer, Mrs. Sadie Jones; Song Writress for my Lord, Reading; Mrs. Geneva Turner, Duett Mrs. & Miss Meadows, Reading Mrs. Lucile Kimball, Selection from East End School, The aims of our Club Mrs. M. A. Block, Selection From Wechsler High School, Announcements by the pastor Solo Mrs. G. W. Oliver. Offering Reports from the group Captains, Refreshments.

Miss Emma B. Ivy, Pres.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAGES MAMMOTH PROGRAM TEACHERS'S INSTITUTE.

The interested workers of Sunday School will be glad to know that an opportunity will be given Teachers and workers to improve themselves as such by studying new method of both teaching and building up their various Sunday Schools. The Sunday School of the Union Baptist Church will lead in most helpful teachers and workers Institute, beginning on Monday night, February 6, The Program is as follows: Monday night, February 6. Program led by the beginners and primary departments with methods and demonstrations. The address of the evening will be delivered by Mrs. J. R. Whitaker (white) of the First Baptist Church. (white)

Tuesday night February 7. Junior Department in charge with method and demonstrations for this group. The address will be delivered by Dr. Gordon Ezzell of the Forty-first Avenue Baptist Church. (white)

Wednesday night February 8, Intermediate Department in charge with methods and demonstrations of this department. The address will be delivered by Dr. H. C. Bass of the First Baptist Church. (white)

Thursday Night, February 9, Young Peoples department in charge, with methods and demonstrations of this group. The address will be delivered by Rev. M. Williams of the First Congregation Church.

Friday night, February 10, Adult department in charge, with methods and demonstrations for this department. The address will be delivered by Dr. J. T. Sharmen of the Federated Presbyterian Church. (white).

Upon opening each night, special music for that particular department will be had, and everything will combined to make the meeting well worth the while. The teachers and workers of all the Sunday Schools of the City as well as the general public are invited to take a part.

J. M. Hogue, Superintendent
B. Washington Coates, Pastor.

CASKET IS DRAPED WITH CONFEDERATE

Hattiesburg, Miss., Feb 3 (ANP) After the funeral services for Romeo Anderson, who died here last week at the age of 92, his casket was draped with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy which sought to keep the Negro in servitude. Anderson served as an orderly for a Confederate officer during the Civil war. He was the only Negro member of the J. P. Carter post of the United Confederate Veterans.

Members of the local chapter of the United Confederate Daughters draped his casket with the flag which Anderson had served.

"Shuffle Along" Reaches Lafayette

New York, Feb., 3 (ANP) Shuffle Along" the 1933 version has hit the Lafayette for a final run of a week, after which it is "curtains." It is said that the terrific overhead of running the show downtown caused its premature closing.

GEORGIA PROP GEORGIA JUDGE UPHOLDS WILL GIVING PROPERTY TO WHITE WOMEN

Savannah, Ga., Feb., 3 (ANP) Efforts on the part of the relatives of the late Mrs. Fannie Stiles, to have the will, bequeathing all of her property to three white women, set aside, proved futile here Tuesday morning and according to the ruling of Judge Gordon Sassey the white women will be given the property.

Mrs. Stiles died here several weeks ago and when the will was filed it was revealed that she had left all of her property to Marguerite Murphy, Myrtle McQuire and Mami Chinall, three white women who, according to the statement in the document, had befriended her during her old age.

When this became known, a sister of the deceased and several other relatives immediately sought to break the will declaring that Mrs. Stiles, at the time the will was made, was not of sound mind and that she had made the will under the coercion of the white women. All of the white beneficiaries denied those charges at the hearing before Judge Sassey and in the face of the contentions of the relatives the will was upheld.

DR. J. H. MOORE TO VISIT NEWELL CHAPEL

Dr. Moore of Holly Springs, Miss., will preach Sunday at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. at Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church. All members are urged to be present. Friends are invited. Dr. Moore is one of the outstanding preachers of the C. M. E. Church.

Ministers Protest Herndon Sentence

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 3 (ANP) Recalling the light sentences given the white men who brutally murdered Dennis Hubert three years ago, a group of Atlanta ministers last Wednesday endorsed a resolution deploring and protesting against the sentence of 18 to 20 years in the penitentiary given to Angelo Herndon, alleged Communist.

Herndon's conviction is to be appealed.

The men who signed the resolution are: Revs. A. F. Bailey, pastor, Butler Street C. M. E. church; J. A. Martin, editor Sunday School periodicals, C. M. E. Church; C. L. Johnson, district superintendent, M. E. church; N. J. Crolley, pastor South Atlanta, M. E. church; J. N. Peacock, formerly pastor Rush Congregational church; J. H. Wiggins, presiding elder, Atlanta district, C. M. E. church; W. J. Tharpe, M. E. church, W. B. Wood, pastor, Fort Street M. E. church; J. N. Newton, Griffin district, M. E. church; N. T. Bridges, Rome district, M. E. church; I. C. Nicholson, West Mitchell C. M. E. church; J. A. Baxter, Central M. E. church.

Herndon was arrested because he had in his possession alleged Communist literature and was one of the organizers of the unemployed. He was made to stand trial under an old Georgia statute which provided the death penalty for the charge under which he was tried—"inciting to insurrection."

Invitation

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance is requested to meet in a joint session with the Negro Civic League, Monday evening, February 6th at 6:00 P. M., in the H. B. A. auditorium.

A special invitation by the president of the Negro Civic League.

AN APPEAL TO THE EPWORTH LEAGUES AND PRESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN DISTRICT

We want all Leagues to do their best to make a round report in the Council Tuesday and Wednesday Feb. 7-8. As it is very needed. We want to show our Presiding Elder that we are with him in putting over the work of the District.

T. C. Miller, District President.

ST. JOHNN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The St. John Baptist Sunday School was opened promptly at 9:30 o'clock, January 28th, by the Assistant Supt., Brothe Luther Noble. After singing "There is a fountain," union prayer was offered. The classes devoted fifteen minutes to the study of the lesson, after which they reassembled and listened to a real interesting review on the lesson by Brother C. W. Roberson. Mr. Becker T. Bingham gave a splendid blackboard demonstration. Miss Laura C. Evans read a paper on the topic "The Lord's Day."

Rev D. J. Jones gave a short talk which was unusual for him, but that was the doctor's advice, yet we always enjoy hearing him.

The Sunday School was almost turned into a covenant meeting, several members expressing their slothfulness and pledged to do better and also gave some encouraging remarks to the new Asst. Supt., Brother Luther Noble for his punctuality and loyalty since his election.

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